

Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District

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March

Annual Meeting

April 13th 2010

Election Year Area I & Area II

The Pettis County Soil and Water Conservation District will conduct an election of supervisors on Tuesday April 13th 2010 for Area I the North-west quadrant of Pettis County and Area II which is the Northeast quadrant of Pettis County. Contact the district office for voter eligibility or for further information. One candidate is to be elected from each area.

Voters may cast their ballots in the District office between the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm and then 5:00pm through 6:30pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at 3700 West Broadway. All landowners and farm operators in Pettis County are invited to come. A dinner will be hosted by the Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District at 6:30pm with an awards ceremony to follow. Please RSVP no later than April 2nd by calling (660)826-3339 ext. 3. See you there!

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Dates to Remember:

- March 14– Start Day Light Savings Time
- March 17– St. Patrick's Day
- April 4– Easter
- April 13– Annual Meeting
- April 22–Earth Day
- May 31– Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- July 4– Independence



SALT REPORTS

HEATH CREEK

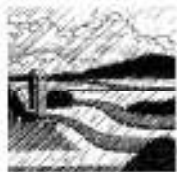
The current status of Heath Creek SALT is 20.48% of the total goal. As of Jan. 1, 2010 we are 15.48% ahead of schedule. In July 2011 we should have \$82,500 in available funding. In 2011 an area of focus that will be highlighted is pasture management. These practices include planned grazing systems, use exclusion, and permanent vegetative cover establishment and improvement.

MUDDY CREEK

In July 2011 we should reach an overall total of 80% of the target goal. As of Jan. 1st 2010 we are 5.8% ahead of schedule at 60.8%. With a new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 we will have \$43,076.00 to make the most of in 2011. There are several jobs that are waiting for cost-share in fiscal year 2011, but there should be some funding left for small projects that come up.

Soil Stewardship Week

April 25 - May 2, 2010



FUNDING UPDATE

With state cost share being funded through a one tenth of a percent sales tax this "economic downturn" has not left us unaffected. Regretfully, on February 19, 2010 we received a memorandum from DNR program director, Bryan T. Hopkins, stating that all remaining SALT cost-share for the fiscal year 2010 would be immediately frozen. He explained that this was due to the significant reduction in tax revenue. This means that any remaining cost share that had not been spent, will be unable to be utilized. This also means funding cut-backs in our regular cost-share. Funding statewide has been cut and we fear that cost-share will be unavailable for any remaining projects we may have until July 1, 2010. Questions please call the office @ 1-660-826-3339 ext.3.



Meet The Candidates



Area I

Mark Jones operates farms West of LaMonte consisting of a beef cattle herd and a row crop operation. He and his wife, Vicki, have four sons, two that work on the farm along with their grandfather John. Mark has been involved in conservation efforts for a number of years, utilizing USDA and SWCD programs. He is currently the Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors.

Tom Kreisel and his wife, Connie, live in the Houstonia area and have four kids (Amy, Shelly, Ross, and Rachael) and four grandchildren. He's been farming since 1970 in the Houstonia area, operates a contract hog finishing facility, as well as Kreisel Nutrient Management. Tom encourages conservation efforts and illustrates various practices on his own farm.

Dennis Dohrman operates a diversified farm with his wife, Kathy, his brother John and his son Adam. He's been farming since 1974 and manages a hog, cattle, and row crop operation in Northwest Pettis County. Dennis is supportive of many conservation practices implemented through USDA and SWCD programs.

Area II

Alan Ream and his wife, Shari, live North of Sedalia where he operates a farm with his brother, Ivan. They have a cow/calf operation, as well as row crops. Alan has proven his commitment to conservation over the years by his involvement in USDA and SWCD programs. He is currently a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Chris Brown and his wife, Debbie, have two children Amanda and Dustin. They have also been blessed with one grandson. He's been farming for 30 years and manages both a cattle and row crop operation. Chris is a strong supporter of conservation practices here in Pettis County and takes part in USDA and SWCD programs.

Billy Ficken started farming back in 1978 with his father and today works both a row crop and cattle operation. He and his wife Shayla have two kids, Kyleigh and Lucas. Billy has also worked for the Department of Ag at the MO State Fairgrounds since 1990. He believes in sound soil conservation and supports many USDA and SWCD programs.

"Agriculture not only gives riches to a nation, but the only riches she can call her own" - Samuel Johnson



Cost Share Allocation for Fiscal Year 2011

Total Allocation \$301,201.69
Grazing Management—\$6465
Sheet/Rill & Gully—\$287,136.69
Sensitive Areas—\$7600

*Note: Fiscal Year 2011 Starts July 1, 2010

Sensitive Areas Highlighted

The purpose of this category is to reduce erosion, protect water quality, and reduce water contaminants through the following practices.

Check us out on the Web!
www.swcd.mo.gov/pettis

- **Field Borders**— By putting a border around your field you will trap sediment, chemical and other pollutants thus improving water quality. Cost share is offered at 75% of establishment or actual cost whichever is less.
- **Filter Strip**— Putting a strip downhill of a crop field may trap pesticides, nutrients, and even animal waste. Cost share is offered at 75% of establishment or actual cost whichever is less.
- **Riparian Forest Buffer**— In areas capable of supporting woody vegetation that are adjacent to permanent or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands the buffer will act as filter. Cost share is offered at 75% of establishment or actual cost whichever is less.
- **Stream Protection**— Where livestock have uncontrolled access for watering purposes to permanent or intermittent streams. This practice is available to exclude livestock from both sides of the stream with a one-time out-of-production incentive of \$500/acre.

Tree Planting Tips



As Spring begins some of you might start to think of improving your landscape with a tree. Trees are planted for all sorts of reasons from ornamental to energy conservation. You definitely want to choose a tree that is right for your need so do a little research or ask your local forester for a little help. Although in most areas optimum time to plant a tree is late summer to early fall, late winter to early spring is also acceptable. Hot summer weather and frozen soil should be avoided because there isn't a chance for required root growth. Always follow any instructions that come with your tree but here are some helpful tips.

1. Call before you dig! 1-800-344-7483
2. Dig a hole twice as wide as, and slightly shallower than, the root ball. Roughen the sides of the hole and loosen the tree root ball so they can penetrate the soil easily.
3. Of course remove any plastic, wire, or string from the root ball but burlap need not be removed. Gently separate any circling roots on the root ball and cut any exceptionally long roots. Guide the shortened roots downward and outward for new growth. You need to work swiftly when placing the tree in the ground because root tips die quickly when exposed to light and air.
4. When placing the root ball into the hole keep the top 1/2 - 1 inch above the surrounding soil. Don't cover unless roots are exposed you don't want to plant a tree too deep. As you add soil around the tree, use water to settle the soil or tamp the soil to collapse any air pockets that may have formed.
5. Mulch a 3 foot diameter around the tree.
6. Staking may be beneficial until the roots of the tree are well established. Don't forget to remove any support wires as you don't want to girdle the tree, cutting into the trunk and eventually killing the tree.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/backyard/TreePtg.html>

Equipment For Rent

The Pettis County SWCD has the following equipment available for rent to county landowners:

JOHN DEERE 10' NO TILL DRILL—\$7.50 per acre w/ a 10 acre minimum per day*

GREAT PLAINS 10' NO TILL DRILL—\$7.50 per acre w/ a 10 acre minimum per day*

VERMEER BP8000 MULCHER— \$100.00 per day*

Burn Equipment—\$25 per day + \$100.00 refundable deposit

Netting—\$.20 per running ft. + \$100.00 refundable deposit

Staples—\$1.70 per lbs OR \$60 per box + \$100.00 refundable deposit

*Customer must bring \$100 deposit for all equipment, copy of their vehicle insurance card used for transporting the equipment, and a hitch pin.

**Additional fees may apply to out of county residents

To reserve any of the equipment or if you have any questions please call our office at (660) 826-3339 ext. 3

**PLAT
BOOKS**



**2009 PLAT
BOOKS &
WALL MAPS
AVAILABLE
\$35 each
2003 PLAT
BOOKS
\$10 each**

GIVING THANKS

A great big thank you to both nominating committees for their time and effort. Six wonderful candidates were chosen to represent Pettis County. All candidates deserve our thanks and praise for setting aside time for the benefit of the county.

Thank you to all the sponsors of our Annual Contractor's Meeting and all the contractors who joined us.

Area I Nominating Committee

Roger Zimmerschied

Dennis Hudson

Elroy Schroeder

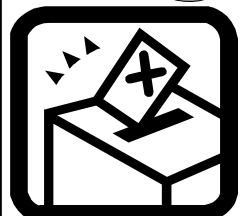
Area II Nominating Committee

Tommy Summers

C.H. Williams

Laurence Claycomb

**Vote!
April 13th, 2010**



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BEVERLY DILLON, DISTRICT PROGRAM SPECIALIST II
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KATHY COOPER, PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATIONIST

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